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Jerry Brown answered questions after his speech in Faneuil Hall on Thursday, just hours after announcing his candidacy for the Democratic nomination in Washington (Photo by Eric Shrader).

Luria circulates BU petition Academic freedom violation is claimed

By Jim Wingo

Dr. Salvador Luria, Nobel laureate and professor emeritus at MIT, is circulating a petition to members of the academic community in the Boston area, calling for the resignation of John Silber from his position as president of Boston University.

Signers of the petition will go on record to "condemn" the Silber administration at Boston University for bringing action to suspend or dismiss five tenured professors who showed their support for the clerical workers' strike in September by holding classes outside assigned classrooms. The petition states that "to contemplate such serious action on these trivial grounds can be understood in no other way but as



Salvador Luria

an attack on fundamental traditions of academic freedom." It calls Silber's action the latest of a series of "violations for which the administration of John Silber has become notorious in the academic community and in the nation at large." Signatories will pledge to withdraw administrative support from BU by refusing to serve on visiting committees or to write recommendations for persons applying for BU positions. However, they will not refuse

such academic services as giving lectures.

BU Vice-President Robert Bergenheim claimed in an interview Friday that the uproar about actions against the five professors has been blown out of proportion. So far, the only action taken against them has been to send each a letter notifying him of intention to begin proceedings which could lead to suspension or dismissal and to propose personal conferences between each professor and the administrative officials.

The dispute could be resolved at this informal level, or, if either President Silber or the faculty member is dissatisfied, could lead to an investigation by an ad-hoc committee elected by BU Faculty Council. At this point the investigation could end in dismissal of charges, or, if either President Silber or the committee wishes, formal hearings could begin. The faculty member could then choose between outside arbitration or hearing by a committee of faculty members elected by the Faculty Council.

In the event of hearings by the faculty committee, the BU Board of Trustees can review a case if

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Dining decision to be soon

By Steven Solnick

"Late November or early December at the latest will be decision time" for the Dining Committee's Combined Room and Board Proposal, according to Chancellor Paul E. Gray.

Student reaction to the plan has been generally muted; however, a boycott of Commons dinner tomorrow to protest the plan has been supported by the Undergraduate Association (UA). According to UAP John Hakala, the UA planned to support the boycott with direct mailings and posters.

Reaction to the proposed boycott has varied on campus:

— Vice President Constantine Simonides cited counterproposals submitted by Baker House and East Campus and said, "We will discuss the substance of these proposals. Reasonable and legitimate responses to the Dining Committee Proposal will receive our attention. Knee-jerk reactions will not be taken seriously."

— Associate Dean for Student Affairs Robert Sherwood, a member of the Dining Committee, sounded a similar note. Citing a lack of practical alternatives, he

commented: "The Committee's proposal is, for all intents and purposes, the best I've seen. I'm disappointed at the degree of indifference shown by the student body. It is hard to understand if it's silent approval."

— Baker House President Silvano Brewster said, "The boycott will be a good indicator of how students feel."

— East Campus President John Griep commented, "There is definitely a problem with the Dining Program. The boycott voices disapproval but does not offer any alternatives."

Reactions to the Committee's proposals varied among different

student leaders and Committee members. Many people listed in the Dining Committee Report as "Participants" told *The Tech* that they were only involved in a small part of the deliberations and did not directly contribute to the final report.

A survey of students' "attitudes toward the Dining System, current and proposed" is being prepared by students in Managerial Lab 15.301, and is expected to be submitted to Gray. The survey will be the first done on Dining attitudes since a Deans' Office survey in 1976. That survey, which looked at

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MIT incurs utility cost rise

By Andrew P. Lee

In January of this year, MIT forecasted a total gross utility budget of 6.7 million dollars, but, due to the doubling of oil prices, and a marked decrease in the availability of natural gas, William Dickson, Director of the Physical Plant, puts the figure for 1979 at approximately 10.1 million dollars, a fifty percent increase.

John Currie, Director of Finance, estimated that over one million dollars of the rise would be met by higher tuition next year. If tuition could be raised immediately, each student would have to pay an additional sum of approximately 150 dollars. Director Currie also mentioned that \$500,000 of the increase will have to be borne by higher housing costs.

Existing stature greatly encourages gas suppliers to supply the natural gas needs of industry and institutions like MIT. As a result, MIT's gas supply has been drastically reduced this year. In fact, MIT will not get any gas from November 1, to April 30. Since gas is 25 percent cheaper per BTU than oil, a significant increase in energy cost will be incurred. Consequently, the Institute is considering purchasing natural gas directly from the pipeline to increase availability and reduce cost increases.

In facing this energy challenge, MIT is considering converting to

coal, at least in part, and beginning tougher conservation measures. Physical Plant Work Control Supervisor, Tom Mroczek, noted that a new computer system is being contemplated as an addition to the existing, highly-sophisticated Facility Control System (FCS) which monitors and regulated the energy use of the institute's most "energy-hungry" buildings. The expanded and extensive use of time-clocks, which control the activation of internal energy systems of many Institute buildings, is being employed as well. Renovation of energy systems in older structures is also taking place. Physical Plant Coordinator, James McTaggart, noted that a plan is under consideration to build a smaller chilled-water plant to complement the larger, existing plant.

Director Dickson also stated that the housing institutions might have to become more aggressive in their conservation efforts since little control of their situation is possessed by Physical Plant.

MIT's efforts have produced very significant savings. In this year alone, the Institute expects to save 4.7 million dollars through conservation. However, many problems still remain, such as the transportation, storage, and proper disposal of coal, which stands in the way of any sort of coal conversion.

Oxfam fast here Thur.

By Kimberley Elcess

"What we see in Cambodia is a people and a civilization on the edge of extinction. There are 2.25 million starving to death; the country's agriculture has been destroyed, along with its entire system of social and human services, including hospitals and schools."

That statement was made by the executive director of Oxfam-America, Dr. Joseph Short, in a September 12 news release.

In response to the Cambodian situation Oxfam is sponsoring a fast, Thursday, November 15. Participants are to refrain from eating for one day and donate the amount of money they would have spent on food to Oxfam. The money is then used to support Oxfam relief programs in Cambodia.

Oxfam is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization that accepts no government funds and so is totally dependent upon individual contributions and fund-raising projects such as the fast.

At MIT the fast is being organized by Sunny Hallanan G and a small group of interested students. The Planning Department is also helping to coordinate the event.

The group is manning a table in

Lobby 10 through Friday of this week where interested persons may pick up information about the fast and the Cambodia situation in general. One may also sign a "statement of intent to fast," which is not a binding document, but only a personal commitment.

Before, during, or after the fast contributions may also be made at the table. After Friday, contributions can be mailed via Interdepartmental Mail to Oxfam-America, c/o Scott Paradise, 312 Memorial Dr.

Following an inter-faith memorial Thanksgiving service at the MIT Chapel at 5:10pm, on Wednesday, a rice dinner will be held at the Chaplaincy for the fasters. Tentative plans for the dinner include a slide show and a discussion of the Cambodian question.

MIT has participated in the fast for at least the past four years, with fluctuating success. Hopes for a good turnout for this year are running high.

Anyone interested in the Oxfam fast or in organizing an ongoing group concerned with the events in Cambodia is urged to stop by the Oxfam table in Lobby 10 before Friday, or to contact Hallanan c/o Scott Paradise, the Chaplaincy.

Steve Kopelson

By Claudia Perry

Steve Kopelson '78, former *thursday* staffer and fencer, died last Sunday in Israel.

Kopelson was living on the Nachshon Kibbutz in Israel. According to Eric Sollee, MIT fencing coach, he had dinner with the director of the kibbutz the night before he died. The cause of his death is still unknown.

Kopelson had gone to Israel to work in an architect's office designing worker housing. His family has requested that any remembrances be sent to the Nachshon Kibbutz.

Kopelson was also a member of Alpha Phi Omega (APO). He was buried Sunday in New York.

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A decision made by Assistant Professor Scanlan concerning the allocation of space to MIT drama groups in Harvard's Loeb Theatre has serious ramifications. **Page 4**

The Graduate Soccer Team won its second straight Bay State Industrial Championship last Saturday. **Page 8**

Dorms dislike forced commons

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reactions to a mandatory 15 meal plan, indicated that 23 percent of those surveyed would be inclined to move off campus if such a plan were imposed.

Student leaders and committee members expressed the following thoughts about the Dining Committee's plan:

— Prof. Nafi Toksoz, Faculty Resident, Baker House said, "The biggest problem (with Commons) is the cost. . . . Lowering cost doesn't come out as a very clear recommendation in the report and I hope in further considerations this would be taken into account."

— McCormick President Anita Bliss said she supports the plan. She said she sees the plan in McCormick as a way of uniting the two towers of that dormitory. She added, "less emphasis should be placed on students having to cook for themselves." She said "the housing system cannot handle any more people cooking"

— MacGregor House President Tom Black '80 said MacGregor is drafting a letter to Gray opposing the plan. He said, "the Proposal necessarily creates an environment which is dangerously inconsistent with the lifestyles in MacGregor."

— Burton House President Frank Wojtowicz said he was "opposed to any proposal that cuts across and alienates different living groups." He said that Burton was also drafting a letter to Gray expressing the fears that Burton would become an upperclass dorm and that Burton could not handle everyone in the dorm cooking. He added, "Burton was not designed as a

cooking dorm. The kitchens were designed for snacks on weekends.

— Ilse Evans, a lecturer in the Humanities Department and Committee Member commented, "My hope for the plan is that the programmatic aspects will dilute some of the bad feelings people have about combined room and board."

— Baker President Brewster said the letter Baker has sent to Gray opposes the principle of mandatory commons and out-

lines the guidelines under which it would be acceptable. He added, "Commons is way too expensive. A substantial decrease in cost is essential."

— East Campus President Griep said the East Campus counter-proposal called for the installation of more kitchens in the two parallels. He said a survey of the dorm showed "an overwhelming percentage preferred the cost of kitchens to forced commons."

news roundup

Nation

Iranians may be deported — Many of the 2,000 Iranian students in the Greater Boston Area may soon face deportation if they are caught in the United States without valid visas. A White House spokesman indicated that the number of Iranian students thought to be in the United States illegally is "substantial."

Campus

Leo wins UMOC — Leo P. Harten G. with \$1409.10 collected, was the undisputed winner of the 1979 UMOC Contest. About \$2300 were raised for Easter Seals in this annual APO fundraiser.

—By Hy Tran and Jonathan Hakala

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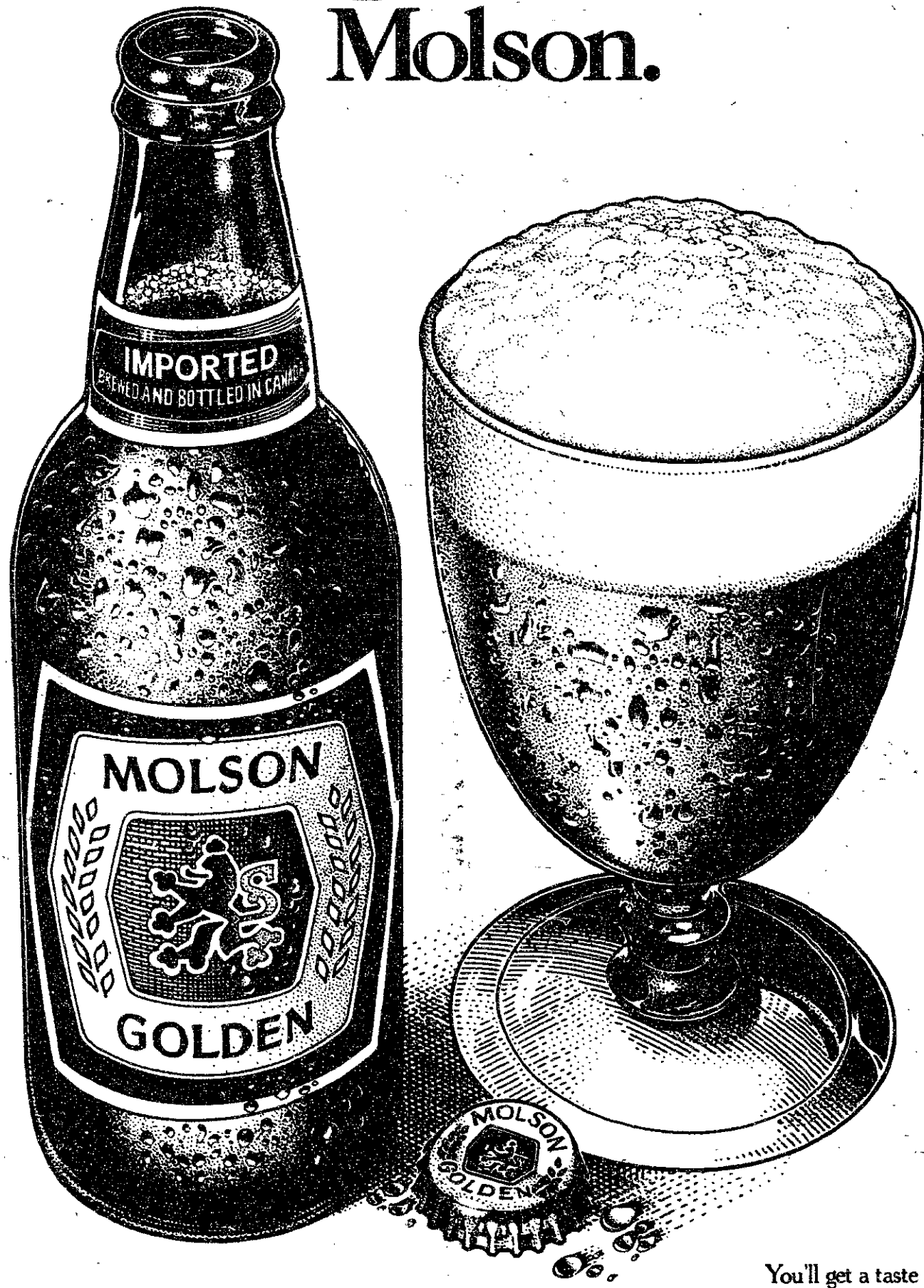
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BU and Luria trade insults

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President Silber rejects its conclusions or if the committee calls for suspension or dismissal.

Bergenheim noted that final action against the faculty members could range from a "slap on the wrist" to suspension or dismissal. "If the charges are frivolous, then this system will prove them to be frivolous," said Bergenheim.

Dr. Luria and others object because they feel that proceedings should not have been initiated. The clause of the contract which Bergenheim claims the professors violated states "There shall be no strike, sympathy strike, picketing or other interference in the normal operations of the university during the term of the agreement." Bergenheim called the professors' actions "a sympathy strike," even though they continued to hold classes during the strike.

BU students and many Boston residents have expressed opposition to the latest actions by Silber. Student representatives to BU's College of Liberal Arts (CLA) forum voted last Wednesday to recommend that BU Board of Trustees remove Silber from his position. The vote was 14-2 with one abstention.

Mel King, state representative and adjunct professor at MIT, announced his intention Thursday to introduce legislation calling for

a state investigation to determine whether BU is fulfilling its charter. His proposal would be acted on by the legislature when it returns for its next session in January.

The issues in the dispute have been clouded by strong feelings on both sides. Dr. Luria called Silber's actions "antagonistic and dictatorial." Bergenheim called Luria "irresponsible" for not producing more specifics to back his accusations, and questioned Luria's credibility, describing him as a "well-known socialist." Bergenheim also attacked members of the Boston press for biased and incomplete reporting.

The expression of controversial views by officials at any university is a sensitive matter. Dr. Louis Menand, senior lecturer in political science at MIT, noted that there has long been a tradition of permitting professors complete freedom to express scholarly views on scholarly subjects without fear of losing their positions, and that in recent years professors have also been free to express personal views on political issues without reprisal. According to Menand, to punish professors on slight grounds both creates unnecessary antagonism between administration and faculty, and limits professors' freedom in expressing personal views.

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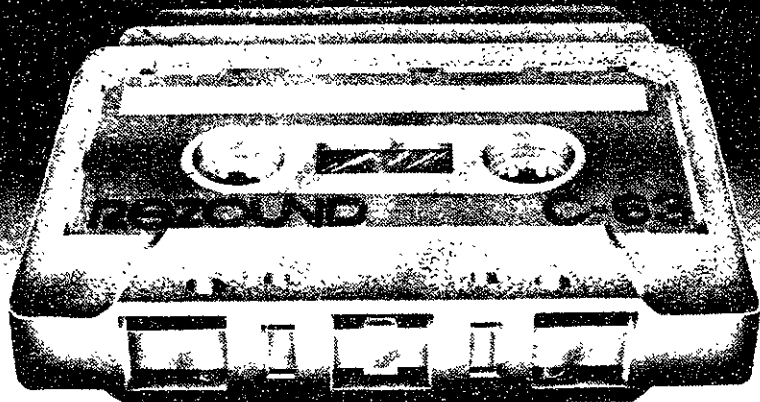
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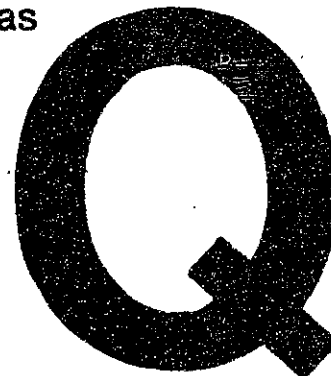
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opinion

Editorial

Boycott dining halls at dinner tomorrow

The Committee on Campus Dining has recommended to the administration that beginning with the Class of 1984, all residents of Baker, East Campus, MacGregor, and McCormick be required to purchase a 12 or 19-meal plan. From all indications, the administration will approve this proposal by the end of this semester. Despite the overwhelming opposition to the plan by the students — especially the students in affected dormitories — the administration believes student opposition isn't really very strong and thus the plan can be implemented.

To show the administration once and for all that student opposition is indeed strong and quite sincere, we are calling on all students — those who are on a meal plan and those who eat à la carte — to boycott the dining halls at dinner tomorrow.

We are also including a tear-out letter on this page so that all students — including those who do not eat in the dining halls and thus cannot voice their opposition through a boycott — can let Chancellor Paul Gray know the true extent of opposition to compulsory commons. We encourage faculty and staff to support the students' plight by also mailing in the letter.

There are many reasons why the compulsory commons proposal should be opposed. Here are the major reasons, some of which we discussed in our first editorial last May:

1) Compulsory commons will unnecessarily restrict students' freedom of choice. No longer will students be able to enjoy the unique character of Baker, East Campus, MacGregor, and McCormick without being forced to purchase a meal plan. In the particular case of McCormick, the plan will force all women who want single-sex on-campus housing to purchase a meal plan even though those women have historically preferred not to use the dining halls (Last year, over 80 percent of the residents of McCormick were not on any meal plan). Also, freshmen who want to live in a cooking house may not be able to get their choice in the housing lottery and would thus be forced on to a meal plan in a commons house.

2) Compulsory commons will reduce the attractiveness of the commons houses. When torn between living in a commons house or living in a cooking house, a freshman is much more likely to choose a cooking house since there he has a choice of cooking for himself or eating on commons.

3) Compulsory commons could severely damage the residence system. Compulsory commons will almost certainly increase the movement of students between dorms. Whenever a student in a commons house decides to leave commons, that person must move out of the house. Since students have in the past

tended to leave commons as they become upperclassmen, a situation could result where the cooking houses would become upperclassman houses and the commons houses would end up essentially freshman houses. Thus, integrating freshmen into the MIT mainstream would be more difficult. Also, the unique character of each dormitory might be eliminated; on many campuses where there are freshman and upperclassman dormitories, the dorms have absolutely no character.

4) The compulsory commons proposal is partly based on the hope that having people eat in the same dining hall will lead to more socializing. However, "pass the salt" doesn't break the ice; people will generally eat with the people they already know.

The current commons proposal is thus unacceptable. We feel that the committee report does not sufficiently justify compulsory commons and we do not see the proposal as a positive departure from the status quo. We urge the administration to join us in looking to the General Assembly, the representative body of the students, to provide counterproposals.

All Students who oppose compulsory commons must participate in tomorrow's boycott. It is absolutely imperative that the boycott be successful if compulsory commons is to be stopped. Now is not the time to sit back. True,

all current students are exempted from compulsory commons by the proposal's grandfather clause, but this is no reason to do nothing. Think of the conditions students would be living under now if earlier students had not opposed measures to move up the drop date and impose grade deflation.

The boycott will be very effective if the flow of students

through the dining halls is cut to a trickle. After this action, the administration can no longer claim that the students on the dining committee actually represent the views of the student body. Finally, an effective boycott would make it very difficult for Paul Gray to make the beginning of compulsory commons his first major action since his selection as the next President of MIT.

Gordon Hunter

Scanlan's decision damages drama

Since Kresge was closed back in September, a myriad of problems has been created. Somewhere among these problems is a dispute that has developed between Dramashop and the Musical Theatre Guild (MTG) over production dates at Harvard's Loeb Drama Center. The outcome of this dispute may have serious consequences for both drama at MIT and the whole concept of IAP.

Both MTG, a primarily student run activity searching for a place for its postponed fall production of "Anything Goes", and Dramashop, a primarily academic program searching for a theater for its unnamed IAP production, contacted the Loeb about using the theater in January. Harvard decided to offer the Loeb to MIT for three weeks in January and, perhaps justifiably, let MIT decide how to split the time between the two groups.

Assistant Professor Robert Scanlon, who runs Dramashop, then apportioned half the time to MTG and half to Dramashop. MTG found this split unfair since it would get the less favorable first half with only one weekend, and thus would need to have six or seven performances on successive nights, many of which are week nights (in fairness, I should mention that I'm a member of MTG's Managing Board; although I have worked on Dramashop shows in the past). Even though Dramashop is not planning to perform for two weekends, Scanlon claims that Dramashop needs the extra time for set construction and rehearsals.

MTG proposed to help Dramashop with set construction and lighting, an offer of over 15 skilled workers during IAP, if MTG could have the theater until the second Friday or Saturday. Many members of the administration, many Humanities Department faculty members, and even many students in Dramasere sympathetic to MTG's proposal and tried to persuade Scanlon to change his mind, but all efforts failed.

No one on the administration or on the faculty who was sympathetic to MTG's view point was both able and willing to overrule Scanlon, who said that loss of any Dramashop time would severely damage the academic program. Thus because Dramashop is an academic program, Scanlon got his way.

Scanlon's decision has badly hurt relations between the two drama groups, relations which had been improving in the last few years as some students became involved with both groups. Also some of the Dramashop students have been alienated because they feel Scanlon's decision is unjustified. Such bad feelings can only serve to damage the drama program at MIT, both for the academics and the activities.

The most disturbing precedent, however, is that an academic program has taken priority over an activity during IAP simply because it is an academic program. The original concept of IAP was for an *activity* period, during which students could be involved in activities without worrying about academics. When the decision was made to allow credit for certain activities during IAP, some opposed the move as possibly endangering the spirit of IAP. Their fears now appear to have been well-founded.

I strongly urge that the IAP Committee restate the purpose and goals of IAP to avoid further problems. If academics are allowed to take supremacy over activities during January, IAP will be turned into a mini-term running the original intent of having the inter-term period. I also urge Professor Scanlon to consider more carefully the ramifications of his decisions on the overall state of drama at MIT.

Letter to send to Paul Gray

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opinion

feedback

Beaver comic insensitive

To the Editor:

I found the cartoon in Tuesday's issue of *The Tech* offensive. I felt it was sexist and insulting to gay people. It is unbelievable that you show such a lapse of sensitivity at the same time that the UA is showing a similar lapse through the Smith party. In the latter if the MIT men at Smith behave as poorly there as many of them have here, I am sure that in the future Smith women will refuse to deal with them.

Naomi Pless G

Note from Glenn Ackerman: I hope that this letter will put an end to the controversy over "The Beaver" comic strip of Oct. 30th. I regret that people took offense at the comic, but I still feel that it was not offensive if one looked at the entire strip and not just the last frame. I was not making a slur against homosexuals, but portraying a base and contemptible character.

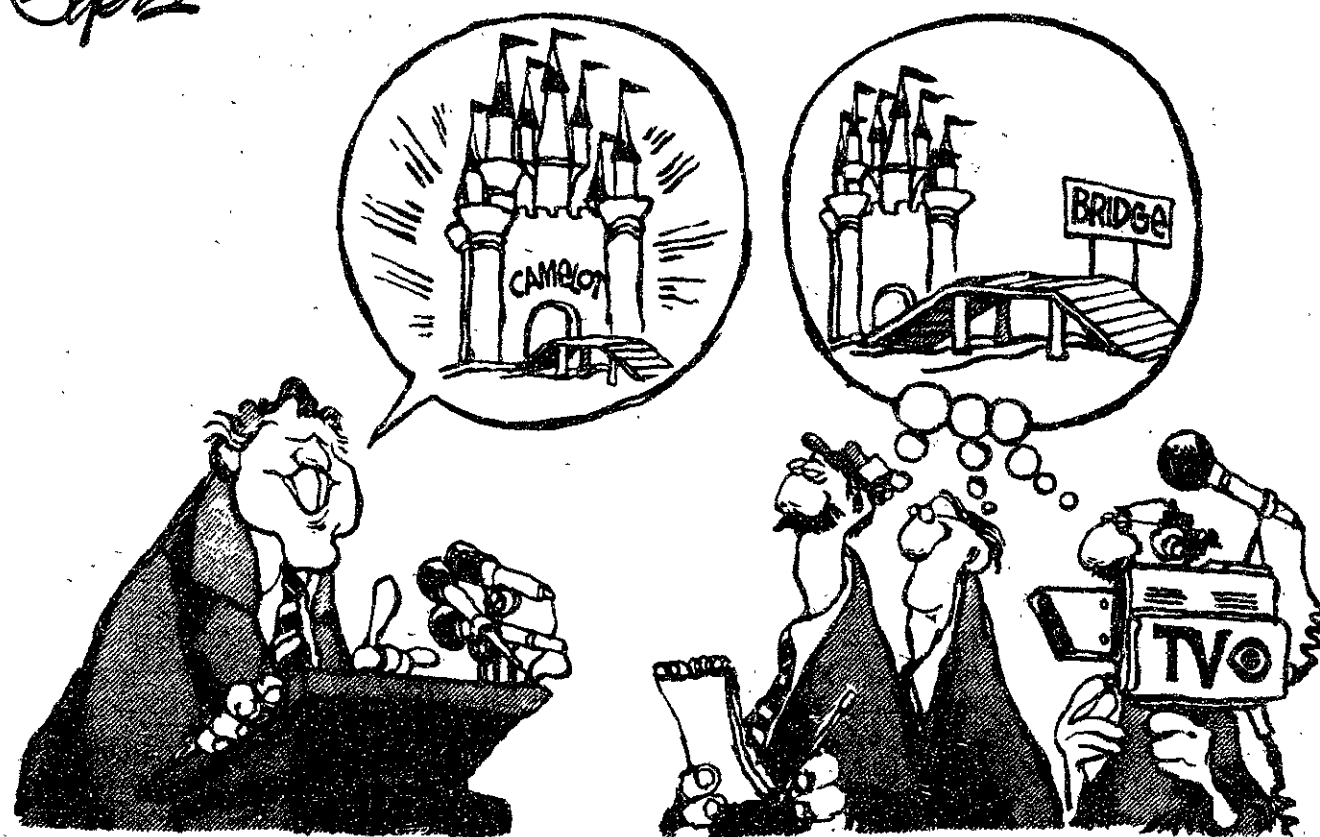
In The Young Lonigan by James Farrell, the word "kike" is used quite often, and incidents of religious persecutions are portrayed. Being Jewish, I am sure that these words and actions are at least as offensive to me as the word, "faggot" is to homosexuals.

However, when I read the book, I was not offended, because I realized that the author was not being anti-Semitic, but was only illustrating the baseness of the main character.

This is exactly the case with my comic strip. The fox was portrayed all along as being contemptible, and the last frame was just the coup de grace. What I was saying was: "Faggot" is an offensive word, and only base and contemptible people use it as an epithet. The strip was just a visual interpretation of this statement.

This is the only legitimate way the strip can be construed. It cannot and should not be construed (as a previous letter to the editor did) to mean that the author condones vandalism and wants to deny the rights of homosexuals. This is absolutely wrong. I deplore all vandalism and the denial of anybody's rights. I regret that some people did interpret it in this way. To them, I can only apologize and promise not to use the word in any future strip.

Mike
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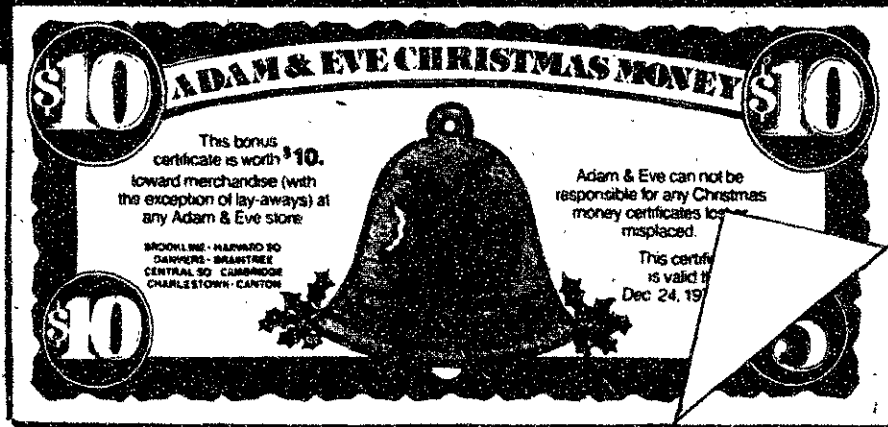
Undergraduate Association Nominations Committee Hearing

Thursday, Nov. 15, W20-400, 7pm

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UA NEWS

The UA News will be appearing Tuesdays in The Tech. It will act as a voice of the Undergraduate Association to the Student body. Students are encouraged strongly to respond to the listed announcements.
Submissions to the UA News must be received by noon on the Friday before the Tuesday in which the item will appear. Submissions should be placed in the UA News mail folder, located inside the UA Office. Special requests or questions should be addressed to Chris MacKenzie, Editor, UA News. The Editor reserved the right to reject or modify all submissions.

Call to Order

General Assembly Meeting: 9:30pm, Thursday, November 15, MacGregor Dining Hall
All students are encouraged to attend.

Agenda

1. Announcements.
2. Discussion of goals for the year.
3. Selection of students for Medical Department Visiting Committee Dinner.
4. Preliminary General Assembly By-Laws.
5. Campus Dining Report Considerations.

New General Assembly Representatives

Galen Seitz, Baker House
Kenneth A. Tunkewitz, New House
Winthrop Cody, PSK

Ecology Action

The files from the MIT Ecology Action Club, which is now defunct, are available to all interested persons. The files are located in the UA Office. Examining these files is the best way to start for someone who would like to reorganize this worthwhile organization.

Nominations Committee Hearings

The UA Nominations Committee will be holding hearings on Thursday, November 15 at 7pm in Room 400 of the student center for student representative seats on the following Student-Faculty Committees. Many seats are open that need to be filled. The following hearings will be held on Thursday.

1. Advisory Committee to Educational Video Resources
 2. Equal Opportunities Committee
 3. Committee on Freshman Advising.
 4. Community Service Fund Board.
- There are seats available on these four committees. All undergraduates are eligible to serve.

Class of 1980

The Class of '80 is forming a Gift Committee. If you are interested in being on this committee, leave your name and phone number in the UA Office, or speak with one of the class officers.

ObserveCom Meetings

All students interested in observing construction work on Kresge are invited to come to the UA Office, Room W20-401. Meetings will occur spontaneously and irregularly for random periods of time. Bring your own refreshments.

ATTENTION JUNIORS!

In a valiant effort to inform the world that MIT has a football team (did you say football?), the class of '81 is selling great quality football jerseys for 10 dollars. There is a limited supply, so rush down to Lobby 10 on Tuesday 12-3, or Wednesday 10-3, or on Thursday 12-3 to pick yours up. Also on sale will be some of last year's computer-card t-shirts for only \$3-a great savings!

SCRR Hearing

The GA Standing Committee on Relations Review (SCRR) will hold its first investigative hearing on November 19, at 7:30pm in room 400 of the Student Center. During the meeting, the SCRR will begin reviewing the current state of the UA Social Committee and the UA FinBoard. Anyone who wishes to address the SCRR should contact SCRR Chairman Arnold Contreras at x5-6280. A preliminary agenda for the hearing shall be available during the next General Assembly meeting.

Quit for a Kiss

Do you smoke? If you do and are willing to quit for just 24 hours, somebody wants to kiss you for it. Just who is so eager to kiss you? The New England Patriots football players and cheerleaders, Lisa Carlin(WCOZ), Charles Laquidara (WBCN), all of your favorite TV and radio personalities at WBZ, and many more celebrities will be waiting for you on Thursday, November 15 from 11am-3pm at Quincy Market and at Downtown Crossing (between Jordan Marsh and Filene's) in Boston. (They will also kiss you if you pledge to help a friend stop smoking.) This is the American Cancer Society's Third Annual Nationwide Great American Smokeout. Last year some 14 million people stopped for a day; of those, 3.5 million quit for good. If you can't make it Thursday, but are still interested in quitting smoking, call 1-800-952-7444 (toll free) for tips on how to do it most painlessly. The phones are manned by ex-smokers. Also, there is a smoking exhibit in the Prudential Center all this week. Come play with the lung machine and see how your case of lung cancer is progressing.

Stop By

The UA has many projects in the works. Please call or stop by if you have any ideas or would like to help. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact Jonathon Hakala (UAP) or Chuck Markham (UAVP) or leave a message with the UA secretary. The UA office is located on the 4th floor of the Student Center, room W20-401. Telephone x3-2696.

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Sports

Grad booters in tourney finals

By Tom Stagliano

The graduate Soccer Team (13-1-2) garnered its second straight Division I Bay State Industrial Soccer League title with a 5-1 win over Stone and Webster-Braintree last Saturday.

The victory was spurred by Carlos Nobre G who was moved from center half to center forward for this match and recorded his second hat trick of the year. In addition Robert Lada '71 (moving from wing full to wing forward), who had two assists, and Robert Capner, MIT's JV soccer coach and last year's captain of the Cornell soccer team, with one goal and two assists,

helped the team.

The soccer league consists of industrial and city-sponsored teams from the Greater Boston area in two-eight-team divisions. The season is divided into two halves, spring and fall, with a separate single elimination tournament for all sixteen teams. This year MIT is in the tournament finals, to be played Saturday at 1pm at the Needham Defazio Sports Complex. MIT meets powerhouse Polaroid-Boston United, with whom they tied twice during regular season action for the coveted cup, a miniature version of the FIFA World Cup, brought over from England many

years ago.

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of whom are rated as the best net-minders in the league. The team was started three years ago.

sporting notices

All persons wishing to work on the MIT men's basketball statistics crew this season should contact Ken Cering, sports information director, at x3-7946 or stop by W32-135. The Engineers open their home season Nov. 29 against Brandeis.

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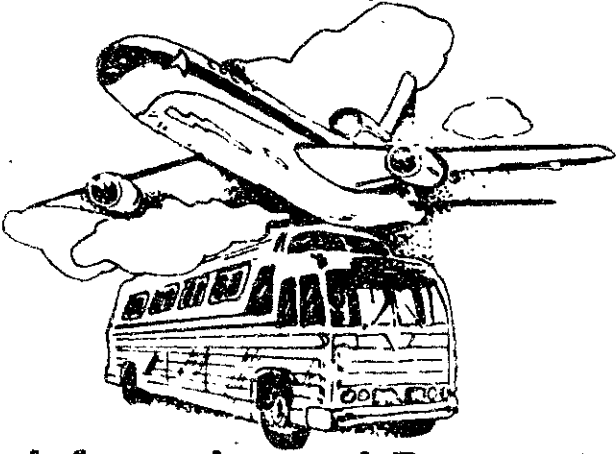
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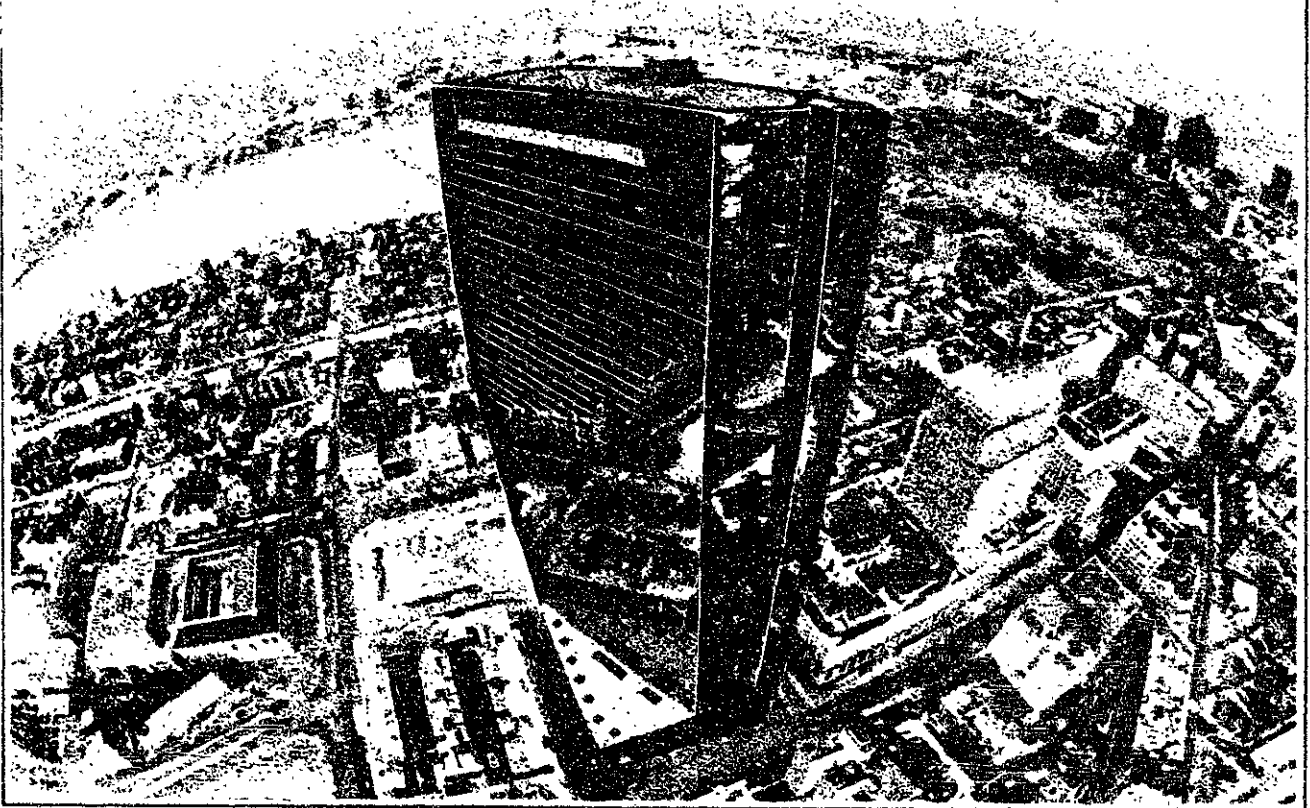
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